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## Ordnance Corps leadership to change

by E. C. Starnes, U.S. Army Ordnance Corps

**Brig. Gen. William M. Lenaers**

The Army's second largest branch will have a new leader on Aug. 15 as Brig. Gen. William N. Lenaers succeeds Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson as the Chief of Ordnance and Commanding General and Commandant of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

The ceremony will get under way at 9 a.m. on Fanshaw Field.

Lenaers comes to APG from Fort Hood, Tex., where he was the Commanding General of the 13<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Command (COSCOM). Stevenson, who became the 31<sup>st</sup> Chief of Ordnance on July 25, 2000, is moving to the Army Materiel Command as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics and Operations.

The Reviewing Officer will be Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Va. Also participating as members of the ceremonial party will be Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, Chief of Army Reserve and Commanding General, U.S. Army Reserve Command; and Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy D. Ayers, Regimental Command Sergeant Major. Helmly is the senior Active Duty Ordnance officer.

Serving as the honor contingent for the change of command will be the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School (OMMS) and 61<sup>st</sup> Ordnance Brigade, commanded by Col. Paul D. Meredith and Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel Torres; the U.S. Army Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School (OMEMS) and 59<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Brigade, commanded by Col. Joyce B. Napier and Command Sgt. Maj. Lewis C. Lockett; the OMMS Noncommissioned Officer Academy, commanded by Command Sgt. Maj. Edith Crofts; the OMEMS Noncommissioned Officer Academy, commanded by Command Sgt. Maj. Phillip J. Laboy; the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment, commanded by Maj. Dan Mielke and Master Gunnery Sgt. John Mikolajczyk; the U.S. Air Force Detachment, commanded by Maj. Steven Pratt and Master Sgt. Victor DeLaRosa; the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Combined Honor Guard, commanded by Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy D. Ayers; the 389<sup>th</sup> Army Band (AMC's Own), commanded by CW4 Robert Larsen; and the Salute Battery, commanded by CW3 Kurt Schultz and Staff Sgt. Adrian Cisneros.

Brigadier General Mike Lenaers was promoted to this rank on August 7, 2000. He assumed command of the 13th COSCOM on July 17, 2001. He has commanded at every level from company through brigade, and held a wide variety of important staff positions culminating in his current assignment. Most recently, Brigadier General Lenaers commanded the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command, Armament Research Development and Engineering Center, at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey.

Lenaers received an ROTC commission upon graduation from the University of Santa Clara with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Oceanography from Oregon State University. His military education includes the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

Lenaers has commanded logistics units at the company, battalion, and brigade level. His previous assignments include: serving as the Technical Supply Officer and Shop Officer for the 699th Maintenance Company, 85th Maintenance Battalion, in Hanau, Germany; Aide-de-Camp to the Commander of the 3rd Support Command (Corps) in Frankfurt, Germany; Transportation and Maintenance Officer for the Naval Support Force Antarctica and the U.S. Antarctic Research Program at McMurdo Station, Antarctica; Commander of the 190th Maintenance Company, Armor Support Battalion, at Fort Hood, Texas; Associate Professor of Chemistry at the United States Military Academy; Chief of the Plans Branch for the Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics, 21st Support Command in Kaiserslautern, Germany; Commander of the 707th Main Support Battalion, 7th Infantry Division, at Fort Ord, California; Commander of the 1st Infantry Division Support Command, at Fort Riley, Kansas; three separate assignments as a General Staff Officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, at Headquarters, Department of the Army; and as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Ammunition, Headquarters, Army Materiel Command.

Lenaers' awards include: the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters,

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# Sergeant Major of the Army announces retirement

by Natalie Granger

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Aug. 6, 2003) — The Army's top enlisted soldier announced his retirement plans today at the Army Retirement Services conference in Crystal City, Va.

After 37 years of service, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley announced that he will be retiring in January.

Tilley was speaking to retirement services officers and transition personnel at their biennial conference.

In his opening statement, he thanked the audience for everything they do.

"You make a difference in the attitudes of soldiers as they leave the military," Tilley said.

He went on to captivate and motivate the audience with stories of wounded soldiers and personal experience of his retirement preparation. The room filled with laughter as he told jokes about his years in service and being a grandfather.

Tilley focused on the importance of family and friends, and of the little things done everyday. He also stressed having faith, and

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the Army Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Antarctic Service Medal.

He and his wife, Lorel, are natives of the San Francisco Bay Area. They have one daughter, Nicole, who resides in Denver, Colorado.



staying motivated and motivating others.

"We are all leaders," Tilley said.

We need to start talking to soldiers about how to plan for retirement earlier, so that they are prepared when that time comes, he added.

Ninety-seven retirement services officers and transition personnel representing 35 installations, including those in from Korea and Europe, attended this weeklong conference.

This conference gives the Army Retirement Services staff a chance to teach, mentor, and exchange ideas with personnel in the field, said retired Col. John W. Radke, chief of Army Retirement Services. It builds camaraderie, he added.

During this conference, each attendee will have an opportunity to talk one-on-one with one of the five members of the Army Retirement Services headquarters staff to discuss and analyze their individual installation practices, Radke said.

A major goal for the future is to turn these individual work sessions into actual site visits to the installations, said Radke.

After Tilley spoke, Radke presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

"I have seen him speak on several occasions, and each and every time it is deeply motivating," said Radke.

"He is a soldier's soldier," Radke said.



*Iraqis view a destroyed car today in front of the Jordanian Embassy in Baghdad after a bomb explosion killed between seven and 12 people and wounded 52, many of them seriously, hospital and rescue officials said. (AP photo)*



## American forces pull hidden MiG fighters out of Iraqi desert

by Kathleen T. Rhem, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6, 2003 — American forces have found Russian fighter jets buried in the Iraqi desert, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said in an Aug. 5 press briefing.

“We’d heard a great many things had been buried, but we had not known where they were, and we’d been operating in that immediate vicinity for weeks and weeks and weeks ... 12, 13 weeks, and didn’t know they were (there),” Rumsfeld said.

The secretary said he wasn’t sure how many such aircraft had been found, but noted, “It wasn’t one or two.”

He said it’s a “classic example” of the challenges the Iraqi Survey Group is facing in finding weapons of mass destruction in the country.

“Something as big as an airplane that’s within ... a stone’s throw of where you’re functioning, and you don’t know it’s there because you don’t run around digging into everything on a discovery process,”

Rumsfeld explained. “So until you find somebody who tells you where to look, or until nature clears some sand away and exposes something over time, we’re simply not going to know.”



*A U.S. military search team uncovers a Cold War-era MiG-25 Foxbat interceptor, the fastest combat aircraft today, buried beneath the sands in Iraq. Several MiG-25 and Su-25 ground attack jets have been found buried at al-Taqqadum airfield west of Baghdad. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. T. Collins*

“But, as we all know,” he added, “the absence of evidence is not evidence of absence.”



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# EUCOM Transformation may send soldiers back to States

by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Aug. 6, 2003) – Moving troops out of Germany and positioning them closer to terror threats is part of the transformational plan for U.S. Europe Command.

“We don’t foresee a war in Germany. So, why have a large force there,” said Air Force Gen. Chuck Wald, the U.S. Europe Command deputy commander. “We have to face the fact that there is a new threat, and to address the new threat takes a different type of strategy, force and a different displacement of troops,” Wald said.

In 1989 there were 315,000 active-duty troops in Europe. Today there are 106,000 in Europe, not counting those in the Balkans. Transformation has already begun, Wald said. The Air Force and Navy have already dramatically downsized, he added.

The Army is looking at one of three options, Wald said. Some soldiers will either stay in the EUCOM area of operations, go back to the States or go to countries like Bulgaria, Romania or Lithuania — all former Soviet-bloc countries and republics — or to the continent of Africa.

Most will go back to the States and rotate to the east on a six-month rotational basis, Wald added.

Department of the Army officials were not able to provide a timeline because the plan causes for operational decisions that are still under review.

The Marine Corps general who has been commanding EUCOM since January is devising a plan that would place troops closer to terrorist hotspots and in the backyard of NATO allies who are in need of developing a stronger military force.

“The possibility exists that we may have to shift some of our forces and basing assets to give us the flexibility, agility and ability to project power in areas where new challenges are emerging,” said Gen. James Jones, EUCOM commander, in an open letter to service members, civilians and their families under his command.

Within the next year seven more countries are scheduled to become NATO allies, Wald said. “We need to set programs in place to help countries where the government, military and police force isn’t as mature, and it’s easy for the terrorist to come and go.”

Just a few years ago there was not a military threat in Africa, Wald said. However, the proliferation of terrorist training camps was unpredictable, he said.

“Now we need to develop a habitual relationship with Africa. Also set up forward operating locations so we can train and train them so they can protect their borders and capture terrorist themselves.”

Even though Africa often goes through civil strife, missions in Africa will be to deter terrorists, Wald said. There are many other countries that have armies that can certainly perform peacekeeping missions. The Army needs to do operations on the high-end of the spectrum,



*Gen. Chuck Wald, the EUCOM deputy commander, lays out plans for EUCOM's transformation during a media roundtable at the Pentagon Aug. 6. Photo by Spc. Bill Putnam*

he added.

The Army can do peacekeeping, but they’re too good for that, Wald said.

“The threat is that Al Queda alone has trained between 25,000 to 70,000 terrorists,” he said. “Then the true dilemma is that who can say that Syria isn’t going to pose a threat in the Middle East. No one can say that North Korea is all of a sudden not a threat. We don’t know what China is going to do.”

Change in the EUCOM theater will not happen for change’s sake, Wald said, but because it makes sense.

“For example, Grafenwoher has a world-class irreplaceable range,” he said. “What good would it do to give something like that up just to say you did it. It’s the same thing with Ramstein or Stuttgart,” Wald said.

There will remain a military presence in Germany, it just hasn’t been decided what size the force will be, he added.



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# Bomb kills 11 at Jordan Embassy in Iraq

by Andrew England

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A powerful car bomb exploded outside the Jordanian Embassy on Thursday, hurling vehicles in the air and killing at least 11 people, including a woman and two children, morgue officials said. More than 50 people were wounded in the blast.

Later Thursday, a fierce gunbattle broke out in central Baghdad, wounding at least two U.S. soldiers. The violence followed a firefight the night before in which two American soldiers were killed, the military announced.

The deaths Wednesday night ended a four-day period in which no U.S. forces had been killed and brought to 55 the number of U.S. troops killed in combat since May 1, when President Bush declared major fighting over. The two were killed in a battle in the Al Rashid section of Baghdad, and their translator was wounded, the U.S. Central Command said.

Thursday's gunbattle erupted when a U.S. Humvee was attacked by rocket-propelled grenades, wounding two soldiers and destroying the vehicle, witnesses said.

The Americans responded with an assault on the source of the fire, a nearby two-story building, trading machine gun and automatic rifle fire with those inside. At least 20 Humvees and eight Bradley fighting vehicles joined the counterattack, while three helicopters hovered overhead.

The military allowed about 20 civilians inside to come out with their hands in the air, some carrying white handkerchiefs. U.S. forces then stormed the building and emerged about five minutes later carrying a soldier, who was evacuated from the firezone. It was not known if the soldier was killed or wounded.

After the soldiers attacked, the building began burning and was gutted.

Elsewhere, U.S. forces captured four suspected leaders of the anti-U.S. resistance in pre-dawn raids Thursday, the military said, a day after the Americans netted 18 suspected Saddam Hussein loyalists and found a huge stockpile of weapons.

Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of U.S. ground forces in Iraq, called the bombing of the Jordanian Embassy a "terrorist" attack and said it was the worst against a non-military target "in terms of casualties" since Baghdad fell to American forces April 9.

The blast blew down one wall of the embassy and gutted nearby cars, hurling the mangled remains of one onto the roof of a nearby building. Two bodies were seen still sitting in some of the vehicles damaged in the blast.



*U.S. Army soldiers prepare to take cover after an American military vehicle was destroyed allegedly by rocket-propelled grenades in downtown Baghdad, Iraq on Thursday Aug. 7, 2003. (AP Photo/ Sergei Grits)*

Shortly after the blast, young Iraqi men stormed the embassy gate and began destroying pictures of Jordanian King Abdullah II and his late father, King Hussein. They were shouting anti-Jordanian chants, but were quickly dispersed by American forces and Iraqi police.

The bomb was believed to have been planted in a minibus parked outside the walled embassy compound and detonated remotely.

At least four Iraqi policemen were among the dead, said police Sgt. Hakmat Ibrahim Obidi, who was injured. Sanchez said eight people were confirmed dead, but morgue officials put the death toll at 11. Hospital officials said at least six Jordanians were wounded, including the consul, Karim Shushan.

"I was sitting in the reception. I heard the first explosion, I ran out and then there was another explosion. Many employees were inside the embassy as well as Iraqis and Jordanians. Smoke filled the street," said Shaheed Mazloun, 50, an Iraqi guard at the embassy, who was treated at the al-Kharkh Hospital.

In Jordan, Information Minister Nabil al-Sharif condemned the "cowardly terrorist attack."

"This criminal act will only boost our determination to continue our support for the brotherly Iraqi people," he said.

Tensions between the neighboring countries have been high because of Jordan's support for the U.S.-led war on Iraq.

While Jordan is a major entry point into Iraq and remains a large

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# Taliban attack kills six Afghan soldiers

By NOOR KHAN

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) - Dozens of suspected Taliban fighters attacked a government office in southern Afghanistan early Thursday, killing six Afghan soldiers and an Afghan driver for an American aid organization, a provincial intelligence chief said.

The attack - one of the most brazen and well-organized recent assaults in the region - was possibly part of a trend involving militants targeting Afghans working for foreign agencies.

The violence occurred about 4 a.m. in Deshu district, about 110 miles south of Lashkargah, the capital of Helmand province.

At least six Afghans working for the American aid organization Mercy Corps were conducting an agricultural survey in the region and were staying in the building at the time, said the intelligence chief, Dad Mohammed Khan.

Khan said about 40 suspected Taliban fighters drove up in four

vehicles, entered the government offices and opened fire. The use of the vehicles was unusual and bold. The militants usually travel on foot, making them less conspicuous.

The driver had been sleeping in the same room with the soldiers. None of the other Afghan Mercy Corps employees were injured, Khan said. He gave no other details, but said his men were pursuing the attackers.

Abdullah, a Mercy Corps communications officer reached by satellite phone in the southern city of Kandahar, said only three of the agency's Afghan employees were staying in the compound at the time. Abdullah, like many Afghans, uses only one name.

He said the aid workers spent the night in Deshu because it was too late to return to Kandahar. Most aid workers do not travel on Afghan roads after dark - particularly in the country's volatile south.

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trading partner, many Iraqis are resentful that Jordan dropped its support for Saddam Hussein after the 1991 Gulf War, and allowed U.S. troops to use its soil as a base during the latest war.

King Abdullah II last week granted "humanitarian asylum" to two daughters of Saddam, whose husbands fled to Jordan in 1996 but were lured back home and killed by Saddam's regime in 1996.

In Saddam's hometown of Tikrit, the U.S. military said one of the four Iraqis captured Thursday allegedly organized cells and paid and armed guerrilla fighters for attacks on U.S. forces in the town.

Also among the captured were two former Iraqi generals suspected of organizing guerrilla attacks nationwide and a suspected Fedayeen militia ringleader, said Lt. Col. Steve Russell of the 4th Infantry Division, which carried out the raids.

Russell declined to name any of them, but said one of the leaders was known as "The Rock."

An Associated Press reporter on the scene said one raid began as Apache attack helicopters circled overhead and about 100 soldiers backed by four battle tanks surrounded a suspected hotel.

The troops brought 39 men out of the hotel and some neighboring buildings, releasing all but one after questioning them.

"If you fight against your government, we will hunt you down and kill you," Russell told the freed men through an interpreter.



*U.S. Army soldier inspects the remains of an American military vehicle which was destroyed allegedly by rocket-propelled grenades in downtown Baghdad, Iraq on Thursday Aug. 7, 2003. (AP Photo/ Sergei Grits)*



# Contractor selected for the Pentagon Memorial

The Pentagon Renovation Program has selected Centex Lee LLC, of Fairfax, Va., as the design-builder for the Pentagon Memorial. The Pentagon Memorial Project is a joint effort between various organizations united to construct a memorial commemorating the 184 lives lost in the Pentagon and on American Airlines Flight 77 on Sept. 11, 2001.

Following an intense, best value source selection competition, the Pentagon Renovation Program selected Centex Lee LLC based on the company's superior technical and management approach, past

performance and proposed project cost. The Centex Lee LLC design-build team includes the construction firm Centex and the design firm Lee and Associates. Additional team partners are Delon Hampton and Associates, Syska Hennessey, CMS, Light'n Up, LID Center Inc., MC Dean Inc. and Southland Industries.

Centex Lee LLC will further develop the technical aspects of the winning concept design by Julie Beckman and Keith Kaseman and construct the Pentagon Memorial. The Pentagon Memorial construction will be funded entirely by private donations. The design and construction will be completed in phases to facilitate the Family Steering Committee's ability to raise funds incrementally, while continuing progress on the project. An extensive study of existing underground utilities on the Memorial site will begin immediately. Construction will be completed approximately 20 months after available funding is received to begin the first phase of construction.



The initial contract value is \$50,000 for the utilities study, with phased options for a total contract value of \$11,590,100.

For additional information, visit the Pentagon Memorial Project Web site at <http://memorial.pentagon.mil/>.



*Soldiers with 3rd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), and New Iraqi Security Force soldiers set out on foot to patrol on the streets near the perimeter of a mosque on retrieved intelligence of a possible mortar position on the high ground for a possible attack against the Civil Military Operations Center or police stations in Mosul, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Kevin Wastler*

## Taliban attack kills six Afghan soldiers continued

Lashkargah is about 90 miles northwest of Kandahar, the stronghold of Afghanistan's former Taliban ruler, Mullah Mohammed Omar.

The Taliban, who were ousted in a U.S.-led war on terror in late 2001,

have been waging a hit-and-run guerrilla war in the south and east of the country for over a year. In the last few months, they've stepped up attacks on foreign troops, government forces and aid workers.

# Military's top artist will capture Iraq's freedom

Story by Spc. Petersi Liu

Camp Doha, Kuwait - Sgt. 1st Class Elzie Ray Golden has gone to Iraq armed with a sketchbook, color pencils and a camera.

During his month-long "raid," this award-winning multimedia illustrator intends to capture images and impressions that he will transform eventually into paintings that visually tell the story of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

This will be the second time in a year that Golden has gone to where the global war on terrorism is the hottest to perform his unique job. Last year he was in Afghanistan where he did background work for what became his painting "Tracking bin Laden," which won the 2002 Defense Information School's Military Graphics top prize.

Golden will use the material he gathers in Iraq to render oil paintings back at his studio in Washington, D.C.

Golden is the only staff artist for the Army Center of Military History, Museum Division, a position he attained after many years of study and hard work.

"As a civilian I drew women's underwear and ketchup bottles for commercials," he said, recalling his early years of struggling as an artist. "A friend told me that my skills would be better utilized if I was an artist of the military. I looked into it, and sure enough, DINFOS taught fine arts courses. So, I enlisted in 1984 when I was 28 years old."

He has had no regrets about his decision. He has been given the opportunity to explore his creativity without the usual hassles that plaque artists like having cash for food, rent and utilities. While enjoying the satisfaction of pursuing the work he loves, Golden also advanced in his professional proficiency to a point that he became a senior fine arts instructor for the Army. During his more than two-year assignment at DINFOS he trained 19 joint service instructors.

A multimedia illustrator (MOS: 25 M) may be called on to produce a range of products from designing banners and insignias to drawings for PowerPoint slides to painting murals. In addition to oil painting, Golden specializes in pencil, ink, chalk, charcoal and watercolor.

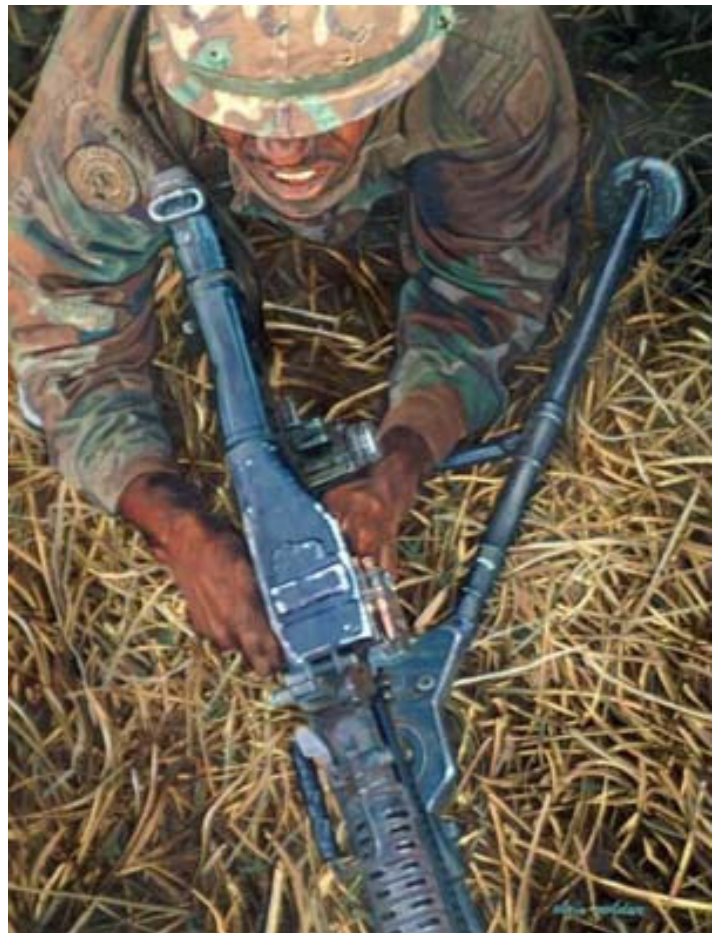
"I started drawing on chalk boards at school when I was four years-old," said Golden. Eventually, his fascination with depicting emotions graphically matured into the talent he puts into service for the Army today.

His illustrations combine research, imagination and vision to communicate.

For example, Golden's "Tracking bin Laden" combines a number of visual elements into a powerful whole image. He took one of his photographs of a Humvee crossing a shallow stream, another of an Afghan civilian leading a donkey, and a third of the mountainous terrain and blended them together to give a sense of mystery, the elusiveness of the enemy and the perseverance of the pursuing



*Tracking bin Laden, Sgt. 1st Class Elzie Golden, Oil on canvas, 2002*



*M60 gunner, Sgt. 1st Class Elzie Golden, Oil on canvas, 1990.*

American soldier.

Once he returns from his photo and fact-finding trip to Iraq, Golden will take up to a month to produce just one oil painting that captures the essence of his experience as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.





*A Russian Orthodox priest blesses Ukrainian peacekeepers Thursday at Kiev's Boryspil airport prior to their departure for Iraq. Ukraine is deploying some 1,660 troops to postwar Iraq as part of the U.S.-led stabilization efforts. AP photo by Efrem Lukatsky*

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## **Type O blood donors badly needed**

Special to American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6, 2003 – The Armed Services Blood Program needs eligible Type O blood donors to support ongoing military operations worldwide and to replenish the military's frozen blood reserves.

"Type O donors are the first line of defense for trauma victims. Until a blood type can be verified, Type O blood is used to keep trauma victims alive," said Air Force Lt. Col. Ruth Sylvester, Armed Services Blood Program director. "Once their blood type is determined, type-specific blood is transfused. But without Type O blood available, many patients would never make it until the test results came back."

A single battlefield injury victim can require more than 40 units of blood in an emergency. Type O donors are especially important to readiness because their blood can be transfused safely for all blood types, especially in remote areas where it's not possible to test for blood type.

The Armed Services Blood Program also needs Type O blood to maintain its frozen blood reserve. The military maintains a supply of frozen red blood cells to use when fresh blood is not immediately available. Since frozen blood can be safely stored for up to 10 years, it ensures that blood is always readily available to meet the military's needs worldwide.

Extending the shelf life of blood from 42 days (for liquid red cells) to 10 years in strategic locations enables the blood program to make frozen blood available until the supply of liquid blood begins to flow. But storage requirements and thawing equipment needed to use frozen blood prevent it from being used everywhere.

Making the present need more acute is that the military blood donor centers can only collect blood from active duty service members, government employees, retirees and military family members. That excludes many Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans, who are deferred from donating for one year because they served in areas where malaria is endemic. This makes regular donations from eligible donors critical.

"We're always thankful to our donors," Sylvester said. "We know that blood donations save lives every day. Repeat donors and those who ask that we call them when their blood type is needed help ensure we have a consistent supply of all blood types. They're literally lifesavers when an urgent need arises."

Blood program officials encourage potential donors or those who could sponsor a group blood drive to contact their local military blood collection facility.

*(Based on a release from Army Surgeon General's office, executive agent for the Armed Services Blood Program.)*



*Lt. Col. Del Colliano, second right, of the liaison team that the U.S. is contributing to a peacekeeping force, speaks with an unidentified Nigerian peacekeeping soldier at Robertsfield airport near the Liberian capital Monrovia Wednesday, Aug 6, 2003. (AP Photo/Schalk Van Zuydam)*



*A U.S. soldier stands beside a sign for the military demarcation line at the truce village of Panmunjom, about 30 miles north of Seoul August 6, 2003. A Chinese delegation arrived in North Korea on Aug. 7 as speculation focused on late August or early September as likely dates for six-party talks in Beijing to defuse a crisis over the communist state's nuclear intentions. Reuters photo.*



*The remains of an American military vehicle which was destroyed allegedly by an rocket attack in downtown Baghdad, Iraq on Thursday Aug. 7, 2003 is taken away by U.S. forces. (AP Photo/ Sergei Grits)*



*25-foot Homeland Security response boat, part of the Coast Guard's newly established "Boat Forces D.C." team, turns on the Potomac River in Washington during a Wednesday ceremony for the Coast Guard's 213th birthday. Akira Ono / AP photo*



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